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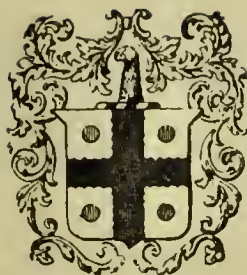
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# Topography

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## CLAYTON-LE-MOORS

Lancashire, N.E.

53° 46" to 53° 48" latitude.

2° 22" to 2° 24" longitude.

### Enfield

Highest part of Township above Sea level, 540 feet.

Mean level, 470 feet.

### Oakenshaw

Lowest part of Township above Sea level, 240 feet.

Mean level, 390 feet.

Landfall. South-Easterly to North-Westerly.

550 to 200 feet.

### Climate

Exposed : Atmosphere damp.

Prevalent Winds : Westerly, South-Westerly.

### Soil

Moorland, Clay.

Surrounding Hills : On the North the Pennine Range.

North-East : The Pendle Hills.

North-West : Minor Hills.

Annual Rainfall : Average, 50 inches.

## Rivers

The Hyndburn, the chief recipient of the rainfall of the district.

## Canals

Leeds and Liverpool Canal, dividing the Township into higher and lower portions, Enfield and Oakenshaw.

## Industries

Brick-making, Soap-making, Domestic Machine making, Cotton Weaving, Lithographic and Letterpress Printing, Hydraulic Ram making, Chemicals and Colours, Paint and Varnish Manufacturing, Vitreous Glaze Enamelling, Electric Domestic Appliances and Emery Cloth, Horticultural Insecticides and Fumigants.

Area	...	...	...	...	...	...	1039.922 acres.
Area of Water	...	...	...	...	...	...	18.078 „
							<hr/> 1058 „ <hr/>

## Population

Census 1951	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,825
Estimate, mid-1958	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,860
Rateable Value, December 31st, 1958	...	...	...	...	...	...	£63,743
Sum represented by a Penny Rate, 1958/59	...	...	...	...	...	...	£239

## Inhabited Houses

Census, 1931	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,101
According to Rate Book, 1958	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,397
New Houses Certified	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Average Persons per House	...	...	...	...	...	...	2.86
Uninhabited Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	40
Houses Demolished (Voluntary)	...	...	...	...	...	...	—

## Estimated Population

Year			Year		
1851	...	3,292	1946	...	6,607
1861	...	4,679	1947	...	6,680
1871	...	5,390	1948	...	6,698
1881	...	6,694	1949	...	6,774
1891	...	7,134	1950	...	6,742
1901	...	8,159	1951	...	6,823
1911	...	8,868	1952	...	6,817
1921	...	8,579	1953	...	6,997
1931	...	7,909	1954	...	7,020
1941	...	7,034	1955	...	7,010
1942	...	6,820	1956	...	6,980
1943	...	6,664	1957	...	6,900
1944	...	6,705	1958	...	6,860
1945	...	6,410			

## Inhabited Houses

Year				
1921		Census		2,063
1931		"		2,101
1941	According to rate books			2,228
1951	"	"	"	2,289
1952	"	"	"	2,311
1953	"	"	"	2,390
1954	"	"	"	2,391
1955	"	"	"	2,395
1956	"	"	"	2,396
1957	"	"	"	2,396
1958	"	"	"	2,397



1959.

**'To the Chairman and Members of the  
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CLAYTON-LE-MOORS**

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADY AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my report on the health of the District for the year 1958.

At first sight the figures for Infant Mortality are startling—10 deaths among 95 children. I have, however, been through these very carefully and I would emphasise that there is no cause for any sensational views on this matter. It must never be forgotten that in dealing with small figures fluctuations from year to year become very much exaggerated and one must look at the causes of death and also look at the picture over a period of several years. I found that two of these infant deaths are due to sudden illnesses of a nature which cannot be foreseen or prevented. Seven are due to various defects present at birth and/or premature birth. These are the two most important causes of infant deaths throughout the country to-day and they present problems which as yet are far from being solved, but it must be remembered that the fact that these few causes have become relatively so important is due to the fact that many of the causes which killed so many babies in former years have now been almost eliminated. It is rather as if buried rocks have been brought to the surface by the washing away of softer soil. I notice, however, that one death is due to gastro-enteritis. This was perhaps forty years ago one of the major causes of infant deaths and every summer it swept away hosts of children. Nowadays the occurrence of even a single case is something which one views very, very searchingly indeed. However looking back over the years I find that the position does even itself out and I would emphasise that there is nothing what ever to suggest that any special conditions or causes are operating in Clayton-le-Moors.

Apart from this the health of the district is, in general, good. The picture is not, however, entirely satisfactory, since there is still a substantial amount of old property in the district and although progress is being made in the elimination of waste water closets, this progress is, of course, slow. Here indeed the sins of the fathers are being visited upon the children. We in this age and generation are left to clear up unsatisfactory arrangements which were made in former times, and unfortunately we have this to do at a time when costs are high. One cannot be over censorious about this because probably in those days they did not realise the difficulties they were making for future generations but it is a fact on which we should often reflect and consider whether we to-day may be in any way piling up burdens for future generations.

I have to thank the Clerk of the Authority and very particularly Mr. Bailey, for their zealous co-operation throughout the year and to thank you, Mr. Chairman, and the Committee, for your continuing support and interest.

I have the honour to be, Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

R. C. WEBSTER,

Medical Officer of Health.



Year	LIVE BIRTHS		STILLBIRTHS		TOTAL	I.D.	INFANT DEATHS			NEO-NATAL		ILLEG-ITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS	MATERNAL MORTALITY			DEATHS ALL CAUSES		
	No. Registered	Rate Per 1,000 pop'n	No. Registered	Rate Per 1,000 pop'n			Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live-births	Mortality Rate per 1,000 Livebirths Legitimate	Mortality Rate per 1,000 Livebirths Illegitimate	No. Registered	Rate First Four Weeks		% of Total Live-births	No. Registered	Including Abortion	Rate per 1,000 Live & Still-births	No. Registered	Rate per 1,000 pop'n
1958	95	14.5	1	10.4	96	10	105.3	11.2	Nil	5	52.6	6.3	Nil	Nil	112	16.3		

\* Adjusted { live birth-rate (comparability factor, 1.05) = 14.5 per 1,000  
death-rate (comparability factor, 1.09) = 17.8 per 1,000

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1958					MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Tuberculosis—respiratory	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
other	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	...	1	2	3
"    "    lung, bronchus	...	...	...	...	3	1	4
"    "    Breast	...	...	...	...	—	3	3
"    "    Uterus	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm	...	...	...	...	4	3	7
Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	...	...	6	13	19
Diabetes	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	...	8	9	17
Other heart disease	...	...	...	...	6	7	13
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	4	2	6
Other Circulatory Diseases	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	6	2	8
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Gastritis Enteritis and Diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	...	...	...	...	2	—	2
Congenital Malformations	...	...	...	...	2	—	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	..	...	...	...	6	3	9
All other accidents	...	...	...	...	2	3	5
Suicide	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
Totals					57	55	112

The following Sections of the Report viz. :—

PUBLIC HEALTH CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA  
HOUSING AND INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION  
OF FOOD

have been prepared by

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Public Health Inspector

and

Cleansing Superintendent

## **GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA, 1958**

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### **Ambulance Facilities**

These are provided by the Lancashire County Council.

### **Nursing**

The Home Nursing Service is provided by the Lancashire County Council.

### **Domestic Help Service**

The County Council provides this : the Home Helps are engaged on an hourly basis and are available for maternity cases and cases of illness.

### **Maternity and Child Welfare**

This service is administered by the Lancashire County Council. Infant Welfare Clinics were continued weekly, Ante and Post-Natal Clinics are now held on alternate weeks. The help of the ladies on the voluntary committee at the Infant Welfare Clinic is again gratefully acknowledged.

### **Day Nursery**

This service is administered by the Divisional Health Authority, Accrington. The nursery was opened on the 9th February, 1953, and is capable of providing all necessary facilities and accommodation for 50 children. The staff consists of 1 Matron and 5 Assistants and charges are made according to the financial circumstances of parents seeking admission for their children, the maximum being 6/- per day, per child, with a proviso that any second child, etc., is only charged at the rate of 3/- per day.

### **School Medical Inspection**

The school medical service is provided by the County Council. Medical Inspection was carried out by the Medical Officers of the County Council.

The School Clinics continued as usual at Rishton comprising Minor Ailments, Orthopaedic, Ophthalmic and Dental Clinics.

Immunisation Clinics were held regularly at the Welfare Centre.

### **Hospitals**

No Hospitals or Registered Nursing Homes existed within the Urban District.

### **Health Education**

The services outlined above are available to all and are, generally speaking, well used. Efforts are made to secure a wider use of the Health Services by the personal recommendation of the Medical Officer, Health Visitors, School Teachers and others. Posters are exhibited at the Town Hall, Welfare Centre, Clinics, and in the Schools.

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

### Water Supply

The Accrington District Water Board undertake this service and make the necessary tests of the quality of the water. The supply was constant and sufficient as every house is served, no extension of piped supplies has been required. The conversion, as time goes on, of waste water to fresh water closets will, however, increase the water needs of the district.

### Drainage and Sewage

This service is undertaken by the Clayton-le-Moors and Great Harwood Joint Sewerage Board, and extends to all premises save a few isolated farms. Periodical testing and flushing was carried out.

Scavenging is carried out by the Health Department of the Local Authority.

Further details regarding Sanitary circumstances, Housing and Inspection and Supervision of Food, are contained in the report of the Public Health Inspector.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following table shows the number of new cases of tuberculosis notified during the year 1958 and the number of deaths from the disease which occurred in the various age groups.

	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Years								
0 ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2 ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10 ... ..	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
15 ... ..	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
20 ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35 ... ..	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
45 ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55 ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
75 and upwards ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ... ..	—		3		1		—	
	—		3		1		—	

*Pulmonary      Non-Pulmonary*  
M.    F.    T.    M.    F.    T.

Number of Cases on the Register

at 31/12/58 ... .. 18    15    33    5    —    5

Mortality Rate for 1000 est. population, Respiratory T.B. 0.29.

During the year 3 cases of Tuberculosis were removed from the register, and 4 new cases were added the reasons being as follows :—

Deaths from Tuberculosis ...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Recovered or Quiescent ...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Transferred into this area...	...	...	...	...	...	1

The Tuberculosis Service for the area was administered by the Regional Hospital Board and County Council.

## NOTIFIABLE DISEASES OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS

The table below shows the number of cases of infectious disease, other than tuberculosis during the year 1958.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES			TOTAL CASES ALL AGES	REMOVED TO HOSPITAL	DEATHS IN HOSPITAL	TOTAL DEATHS
Acute Pneumonia ...	...	2	—	—	—	
Measles ...	...	23	—	—	—	
Acute Poliomyelitis						
Paralytic ...	...	1	1	1	1	
Erysipelas ...	...	1	—	—	—	
Total	...	27	1	1	1	

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, Section 47 NATIONAL ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT ACT, 1951

### Section 1

Nil.



## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES, HOUSING, INSPECTIONS AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

### Public Health Inspections

The number of premises visited during 1958 was 1375.

From these visits, 88 nuisances and defects were noted and 133 were remedied.

33 informal notices and 3 Statutory notices were issued.

### Closet Accommodation

Number of houses and premises using :—

Fresh Water Closets (connected to sewers) ...	1,663
Waste Water Closets (estimated) ...	1,427
Pail Closet System ...	2
Privy Midden System ...	2
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Total number for houses and premises	<u>3,094</u>

67 blocked drains, in connection with waste-water closets, were opened.

During the year, 56 waste water closets were converted to fresh water closets.

### Ashpit Accommodation

Number of houses at which movable ashbins were substituted for fixed receptacles during year—Nil.

There are 2,547 movable ashbins.

The tipping is controlled and is situated on the old printworks site at Oakenshaw.

Income :—Tipping charges ... £29. 12s. 6d.

### Public Cleansing, 1958

Ashpits emptied ...	3
Dustbins emptied ...	124,525
Cesspools, etc., emptied ...	1
Privy Pails ...	25
Motor loads of house refuse removed to tips ...	1,006
Motor loads of street sweepings removed to tips ...	8
Motor loads of gully refuse removed to tips ...	50
Motor loads of clinkers, etc., used for top dressing...	12
No. of loads tipped by private contractors on refuse tip ...	237
Houses fumigated ...	6
New houses certified fit for human habitation ...	1

## Details of Salvage Collected and Sold during year ended 31st December, 1958

	T. C. Q.	APPROX. VALUE		
		£	s.	d.
Paper ... ..	34 17 2	217	16	3
	34 17 2	217	16	3

### Shops Act, 1950

307 shops were inspected under the above Act and no infringement of the Act was observed.

### Offensive Trades

The principal type of offensive trade in this district is soap boiling, and no action was required to be taken as these works are very satisfactory.

## FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 AND 1948

### 1. Inspections

PREMISES (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ... ..	14	14	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ... ..	67	83	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out - workers' premises) ... ..	1	2	—	—
TOTAL ...	82	99	—	—

## 2. Cases in which defects were found

PARTICULARS  (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4) ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient ...	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ...	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	—	—	—	—	—

## PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The Council employs a part time Rodent Operator and all complaints are fully investigated. The rodent control methods used by the Authority are in accordance with those recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food who allow a grant aid of 50% towards the net annual expenditure. Systematic inspection and disinfection of surface properties for rats and mice were continued during the year, and the bi-annual treatment of the sewers and manholes has had a considerable effect in reducing infestations both in the sewers and surface properties, in addition, the refuse tip and river banks have been treated to control any possible infestations. During the year free treatment was again afforded to dwellings.

The following table gives a summary of the work done throughout the past year.

		No. of Premises Inspected	No. of Premises found Infested	No. of Treatments carried out
Rats	... ..	32	23	25
Mice	... ..	12	12	12

### Sewer Treatment

	Date	No. of Manholes Treated	Complete Takes	Partial Takes
Full Maintenance	18/8/58	67	18	9
Test Bait ... ..	5/3/59	46	1	2

### HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR, 1958

Number of new houses erected during the year :—

	Houses	Flats
(i) By the local authority ...	—	—
(ii) By other local authorities ...	—	—
(iii) By other bodies or persons...	1	—

Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year :—

- (1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... .. 54
- (b) Number of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose ... .. 126
- (2) Dwelling-houses unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit :—
  - (a) Number found during the year ... .. —
  - (b) Number (or estimate number) at end of year ... 47
- (3) Number of dwelling-houses found during the year to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit ... 43

Clearance Areas (Housing Act, 1936/57, and Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954) :—

(1)	Number of dwelling-houses demolished during the year :						
(a)	Unfit houses...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(b)	Other houses	...	...	...	...	...	0
(2)	Number of persons displaced	...	...	...	...	...	0

Houses not included in Clearance Areas :—

		No. of Houses	Persons Displ'd
(1)	Houses demolished or closed during the year :		
(a)	Housing Act, 1936/57.—		
	(i) Demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure (Section II).	—	—
	(ii) Closed in pursuance of an undertaking given by owners under Section II and still in force	...	—
	(iii) Parts of building closed (Section 12) ...	...	—
	(iv) Demolished voluntary by owners	—	—
(b)	Housing Act, 1949—		
	(i) Closed as a result of closing orders under Sections 3 (1) and 3 (2)	...	—
(c)	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953—		
	(i) Closed as a result of closing orders under Sections 10 (1) and 11 (2)	—	—
(2)	Repairs during the year :		No. of houses
(a)	Unfit houses rendered fit and houses in which defects were remedied during the period as a result of informal action by the local authority under the Housing or Public Health Acts	...	34
(b)	Public Health Acts—action after service of formal notice—Houses in which defects were remedied—		
	(i) By owners	...	—
	(ii) By local authority in default of owners	...	0

(c) Housing Act, 1936/57.—action after service of formal notice Houses made fit :—

(i) By owners ... .. 0

(ii) By local authority in default of owners ... 0

(d) Housing Repair and Rents Act, 1954 :  
Houses reconstructed, enlarged or improved and  
Demolition Orders revoked (Section 5) ... .. 0

Unfit houses in temporary use (Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954) :—

- (1) Number of houses at end of year retained for temporary accommodation and approved for grant under Section 7 ... .. 0
- (2) Number of separate dwellings contained in (1) above... .. 0
- (3) Number of houses at end of year licensed for temporary occupation (Section 6) ... .. 0

Housing Act, 1949—Improvement Grants, etc:—

Action during year :	Private Bodies or individuals		Local Authority	
	No. of schemes	No. of dwelling houses affected	No. of schemes	No. of dwelling houses affected
(a) Submitted by private individuals to local authority ... ..	—	—	—	—
(b) Submitted by local authority to Ministry	—	—	—	—
(c) Finally approved by Ministry or Local Authority ... ..	—	—	—	—
(d) Work completed ...	—	—	—	—
(e) Additional separate dwellings included in (d) above ... ..	—	—	—	—

(f) Any other action taken under the Act (give brief particulars)





<b>Raw Milk</b>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Sat.</i>	<i>Unsat.</i>	<i>No Result.</i>
Tuberculosis Biological Test	17	17	—	—
Methylene Blue Reduction Test	10	10	—	—

**Heat Treated Milk**

Tuberculosis	4	4	—	—
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**Pasteurised**

Phosphatase Test	4	4	—	—
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**Sterilised**

Turbidity Test	4	4	—	—
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**Ice Cream**

Number of premises registered for the manufacture and sale of ice cream	...	...	...	...	19
Number of premises registered for the manufacture of ice cream. Hot Mix	...	...	...	...	2
Premises registered for the retail sale of ice cream	...				20

**Preserved Foods**

Number of premises registered for the sale of Preserved Foods	...	...	...	...	...	8
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**Infectious Diseases**

5 houses were disinfected during the year after infectious diseases.  
20 books from the library were fumigated prior to re-circulation.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

F. BAILEY,

Public Health Inspector.



